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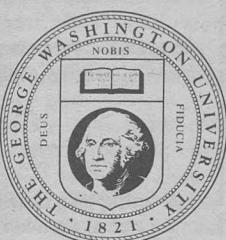
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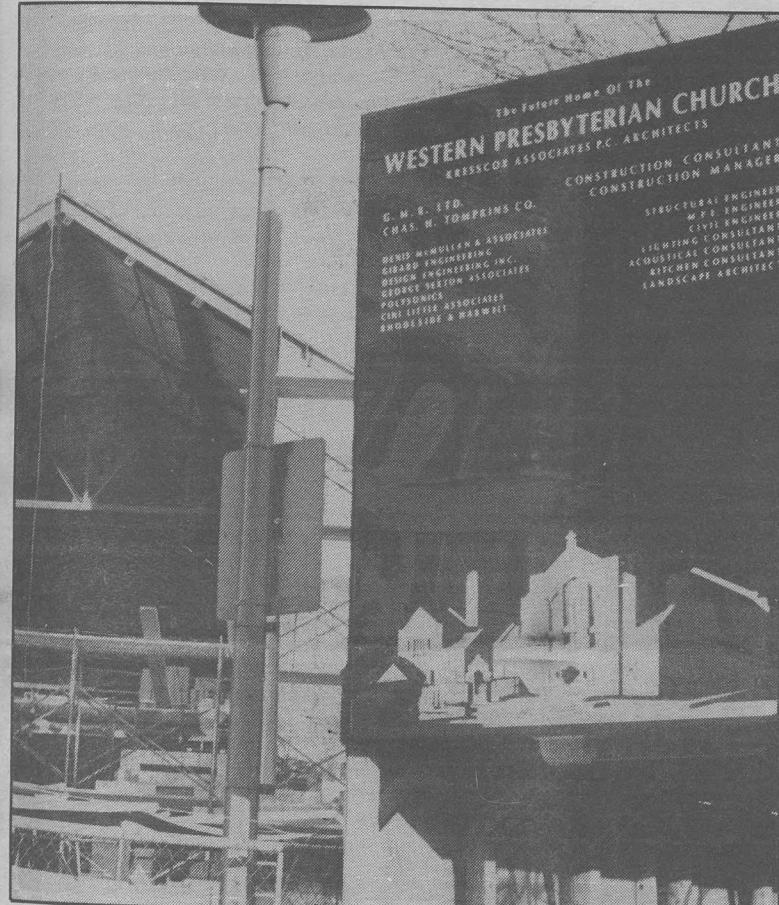
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CONTROVERSY SURROUNDS the proposed home for Miriam's Kitchen at 2401 Virginia Ave. N.W. The kitchen is scheduled to relocate next year.

Dr. says Vatican supports cloning Church leaders want to clone Christ, Ben-Abraham claims

by Andrew Tarnoff

Asst. News Editor

A doctor with close ties to the Vatican said Tuesday that the Roman Catholic Church actually supports human embryo cloning, contrary to its public condemnation of the research.

Dr. Avi Ben-Abraham, 35, a leader in the field of life extension who is touted as one of the smartest men in the world, said many top Church officials would someday like to use cloning to reproduce Jesus Christ from DNA fibers found on the Shroud of Turin.

The Shroud is believed by some to be Christ's burial shroud, but recent carbon-dating tests have shown that the cloth is not old enough to be Christ's. Ben-Abraham, president of the American Cryogenics Society, said these tests are not conclusive, and he believes that the shroud is genuine.

"Imagine the potential (of a clone of Christ)," Ben-Abraham said in an exclusive interview with The GW Hatchet. He did admit, however, that he cannot prove the Shroud contains fibers from Christ.

Ben-Abraham said he has had close ties with Vatican leaders since he became a doctor in Italy at age 18. He

said he is considered a recluse because of his refusal to grant interviews. But he said he wanted to address this issue to the GW community because of the closeness he has to GW's human embryo cloning research. He said his efforts "might facilitate a better dialogue between Church and science."

Ben-Abraham, who said he has been recommended by members of Congress to be a health adviser to President Clinton, said Church leaders have "a new openness" to such research. "(The Church) has been questioning the essence of its existence because times have changed," he said.

He said, for example, that the Church recently reversed its excommunication of 17th century physicist and astronomer Galileo. This reversal demonstrates the modernization of Catholicism, he said.

"Clearly, it is a cornerstone knowing that the Vatican does support this kind of research," Ben-Abraham said, adding that the Church has close to one billion followers.

Both the Vatican Embassy and the Archdiocese of Washington did not respond to requests for comment by The Hatchet. An embassy spokesman said,

ANC opposes Miriam's move Some believe soup kitchen will increase crime in Foggy Bottom

by Pia Sarkar
Hatchet Staff Writer

Some Foggy Bottom residents said they are strongly opposed to the relocation of the Western Presbyterian Church.

The main opposition is not to the church's relocation from 1906 H St. N.W. to 2401 Virginia Ave. N.W., but from the construction of its accompanying facility, Miriam's Kitchen. Miriam's is a soup kitchen that serves meals to homeless people daily.

Some residents said they felt the relocated kitchen would jeopardize the safety of the surrounding neighborhood, while church members maintain it is their religious right to feed the needy.

"People would die if this feeding program shut down," said John Wimberly, pastor of the Western Presbyterian Church.

He said Miriam's Kitchen now feeds an estimated 150 to 200 homeless a day. It is open from 7:15 to 8 a.m., five days a week. For some homeless, those meals are essential for survival, Wimberly said.

Residents said they are concerned that once the kitchen closes for the day at its new location, the homeless will disturb the residential areas.

"If your neighborhood becomes unsafe, you are forced to move," said Ramona Lauda, a commissioner for the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, who is opposed to the kitchen's relocation. "We are trying to make (Foggy Bottom) a living neighborhood."

Tax-paying citizens who live in the Foggy Bottom area are "being driven out," she added.

Lauda contended that moving the kitchen to Virginia Avenue would disrupt the Foggy Bottom community. "This is not the appropriate site for the kitchen or other disruptive

programs," she said. "We have asked Miriam's Kitchen to find a more appropriate area."

The decision to relocate Western Presbyterian Church has had a long history. The costs to restore the 63-year-old church increased to an estimated \$1 million, Wimberly said. This influenced the church's decision to sell its property to the International Monetary Fund in exchange for a new location.

In order to complete the block on which the church now stands, IMF bought the property from the American Association of University Women for \$10 million, said Graham Newman, acting chief information officer for IMF.

IMF paid an additional \$8.5 million for the building itself and granted the Western Presbyterian Church a \$4 million endowment, Wimberly explained. Graham said the new church is expected to be completed by early 1994.

Wimberly argued that during the 10 years Miriam's Kitchen has operated its facilities on H Street, it has not had a problem with the homeless panhandling.

Wimberly said he believes residents could object more to the church's present location than to the new one, noting the high amount of traffic at the church now.

ANC Commissioner Ed Kelly said, however, that tight security at the kitchen has prevented problems there. The Foggy Bottom area's security is not as strong, he said.

Lauda said she is worried about the dense population of elderly women and students who live in Foggy Bottom who may be more vulnerable to possible attacks by homeless people.

In addition, ANC chair Sara Maddux said the church will be in violation of D.C.'s zoning regulations if it builds Miriam's Kitchen on Virginia Avenue.

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GW worker robbed of cash at gunpoint

Incident is the third in less than a month

by Andrew Tarnoff

Asst. News Editor

A GW employee was robbed at gunpoint Monday, the third such attack in less than a month, University Police said.

An unidentified man held up an attendant working at the parking lot at 23rd and G streets, according to University Police Director Dolores Stafford. The man robbed the victim of \$26 around 8:40 p.m., Stafford said.

In addition, a Courtyard Cafe employee was robbed of \$180 at gunpoint Oct. 14, and a different parking lot attendant was also robbed of \$75 Oct. 22.

The suspect in the most recent case pulled out a small, black handgun and demanded the employee's money, the report said. The employee said he told the man he does not handle money, just parking tickets.

At that point, the suspect reportedly told the employee to turn around. He then took the \$26 from the victim's wallet, Stafford said, and fled.

The attendant said he did not see which way the suspect ran. Both UPD and Metropolitan Police officers searched the area but did not find the suspect.

Stafford said the man's description closely matches that of the suspect in the Oct. 22 armed robbery at the University Parking Garage, Stafford said.

Stafford said UPD will concentrate on increasing security in open areas, such as parking lots, where robberies are more likely to occur. She added that GW has installed an ID card reader outside the Mitchell Hall cafe. The card reader was ordered before the incident, Stafford noted.

She said that although GW has experienced "numerous robberies in a short period of time," there have been a substantially fewer than at this time last year. There were eight robberies in 1993 so far, compared to 12 total in 1992, she said.



Dr. Avi Ben-Abraham.

however, that it still stands by the Pope's official statement denouncing recent human embryo cloning work by GW Medical Center researchers.

Ben-Abraham recognized that his claims may be unbelievable to some critics but said his relationship with Vatican leaders backs up his comments.

Ben-Abraham became the world's youngest doctor after receiving his medical degree from the Perugia School of Medicine in Italy at age 18. It was

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Alcohol-related cases increase this year

by Oscar Avila
News Editor

The number of alcohol violations this semester is about the same as this time last year, but other alcohol-related offenses have increased noticeably, Judicial Affairs Coordinator Craig Hardesty said.

Hardesty said more students have been forced to seek medical help because of excessive alcohol consumption than in past years. But he added that he is not sure if this signals the beginning of a trend.

"Unfortunately, we have noticed more people who have been hospitalized because they've drank to the point where they were really, really sick," Hardesty said.

Connie Livengood, substance abuse prevention coordinator, said students she works with give her similar information about their peers' excessive drinking.

"Students are agreeing that cases where people are throwing up and passing out are quite common," Livengood said.

Livengood blamed students' lack of information about the dangers of excess-

sive drinking for the increased problem this year. Many students do not realize that drinking too much can be dangerous, sometimes even lethal, she said.

Often, it takes a friend to be hospitalized for students to realize the dangers of drinking too much, Livengood said.

"It's not something people take seriously. They don't really realize how dangerous it is," Livengood said. "If they do talk about it, they think, 'It's not going to happen to me.'"

In addition, Hardesty noted an increase in a less serious alcohol-related offense: public urination. He said he was puzzled by why the incidents are much more prevalent this year.

"I really don't know, it's just one of those things," Hardesty said. "For some reason, it's the thing to do this year."

Hardesty said all the cases of public urination were alcohol-related, many on the street in front of buildings. "I don't imagine you'd be doing this if you were of sound mind," he said.

Even though public urination is a misdemeanor in the District, Hardesty said all GW incidents are being handled internally. He added that he thinks the cold weather will cut down on the number of incidents.

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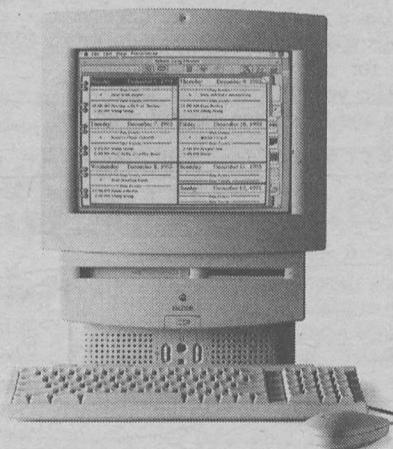
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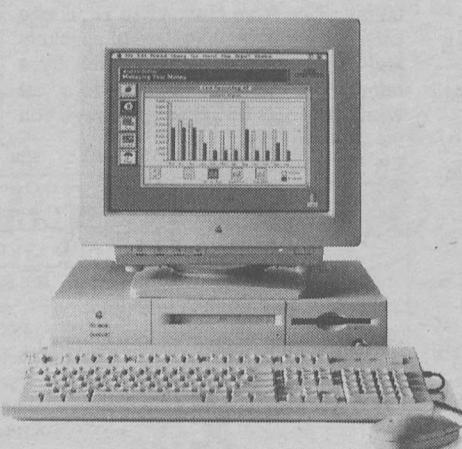
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Community disservice

Foggy Bottom residents are at it again. After playing an instrumental role in shutting down the Foggy Bottom Shelter for the homeless last year, they are beginning to set their sights on Miriam's Kitchen. ANC Commissioner Ramona Lauda claims that they are trying to make Foggy Bottom a living neighborhood. Their efforts, however, are a thin veil for stereotypical biases well versed in the politics of hate.

Miriam's only operates five days a week for 45 minutes, feeding just 150 to 200 people. The homeless come to the kitchen for hot meals, fill their stomachs and go about their business. In its current location — only blocks away from where it would move — the kitchen has never had any major problems, let alone one that would cause residents to move, which is the ANC's largest concern.

The residents, though, have no ground for complaints. Any homeless problems in the neighborhood resulted from closing the Foggy Bottom shelter, not from Miriam's.

The homeless problem will not magically disappear from Foggy Bottom without Miriam's. It would just reduce the few sources of help that they have. Western Presbyterian, in its churchly mission to help the downtrodden, does what it can. The church looks only to do its job. How does one small church threaten the existence of an entire community?

Charity is supposed to begin at home. This proverb does not seem to apply in Foggy Bottom. If the ANC wants to act, it should work with the homeless. They can use the help. These people have faces, stories and reasons. They are not anonymous bodies intent on taking over the neighborhood. Perhaps a couple shifts at Miriam's can help dispel this "not in my back yard" attitude.

GW students have done a yeoman's share of work at Miriam's. Cooking breakfast, serving the homeless and cleaning up all make a difference in the community. Now, the kitchen needs our help more than ever. Instead of our hands, they need our voices. Community service has never meant so much. Show them that some of Foggy Bottom does have a heart.

Potty animals

Chalk it up to yellow journalism, but we have noticed a disturbing new trend emerging on campus. A stream of public urination cases have flooded Judicial Affairs. Now, it doesn't take a wiz to see there is a problem, but what can the University do?

The campus definitely needs more bathrooms. The next time GW feels like building something, we should put up port-a-johns instead of flushing money down the toilet with clocks, bricks or statues. Location may become a big issue, but perhaps the SA can hold a town meeting to facilitate the free flow of ideas.

We cannot let simple politics dirty our hands. When every Tom, Dick and Harry whips out their popular solution, rhetoric takes over and the true aim of the program is lost. In a short amount of time, every student will spout off and nothing will be fixed.

Adding a shrub or bush will just not do. Students and staff can always use the added exposure to greenery, but in the end it will prove to be a waste of time. This is only a drop in the bucket of a larger problem that has trickled down to us. People are p.o.'d, and GW is doing nothing about it. At this point, we cannot hold back for much longer before our bubble bursts.

Of course, this is a common issue. Whether it rolls in from the Yellow River or explodes in Peoria, everyone faces this problem. The solution is easy. We cannot give in to intense pressure. We have to fight the urge to let some peon handle this and tap the right person for the job. Certainly in the large pool of GW personnel, someone can stem the tide and handle nature's call.

This plan addresses the problem the best because it will not drain precious resources at GW and the community will shower it with golden praise. This will only work, however, if the University shows a firm commitment to resolving this situation. The administration cannot continue to dangle in the wind.

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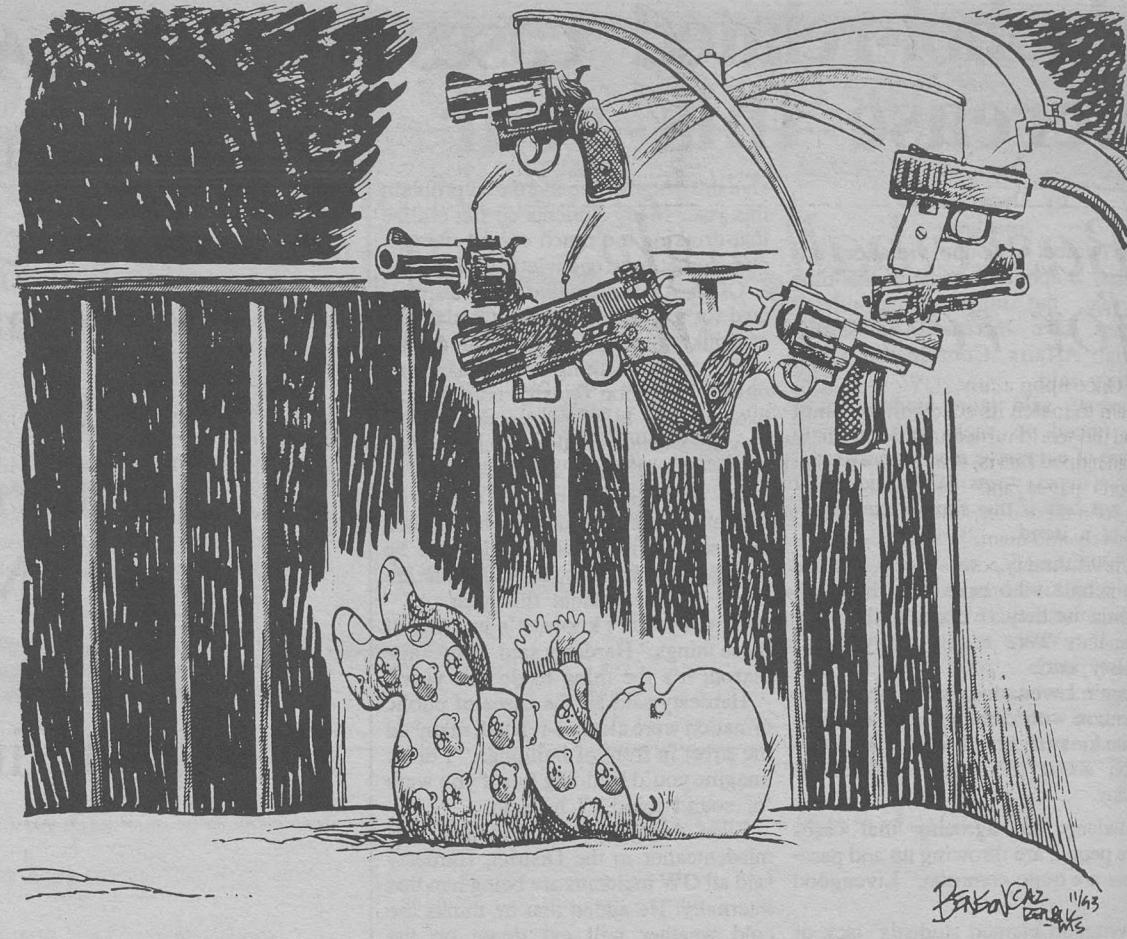
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fast break

Thanksgiving is coming soon, and many of us will have the opportunity to eat to our heart's delight. But, many of us won't. The problem of hunger in the world is so pervasive that although the world produces two pounds of grain for every woman, man and child, 60,000 people still die every day from hunger and related diseases.

Fighting hunger takes more than knowing the facts; it takes long-term solutions. This year GW students, faculty and staff have the opportunity to actually do something about hunger. This year's Hunger Awareness Week, taking place from Nov. 15 to 18, is one such opportunity. A variety of speakers and programs will be sponsored by a number of student organizations all week long, and I want to encourage you

to participate and learn all you can.

Hunger Awareness Week will culminate on Nov. 18 (the Thursday before Thanksgiving) with the annual GW Oxfam Fast for a World Harvest. This is the best part and here's what you can do: Everyone on campus is invited to fast for the entire day and donate what they would have spent on food to Oxfam America. You can do this a number of ways:

- Sign off your meal card if you're on the meal plan. Sign-up tables will be set up in the Marvin Center.

- Fast on your own and drop off the money at the Marvin Center or the Campus Ministry Office.

- Get a pledge sheet and have your friends sponsor you, maybe a dollar an hour for every hour fasted.

- Use your PLUS points at the M.C. Store and buy some cans of food that

we'll donate to a local shelter.

- And finally, everyone is invited to attend the break-fast Hunger Banquet at the Marvin Center Ballroom at 6:30 p.m. The banquet dramatizes the inequity of food distribution worldwide. You need to call ahead for reservations (676-6434).

Oxfam America believes in change by working in partnership with poor people around the world, helping them build long-term food and economic security. GW can be a part of this change on Nov. 18. You can sign up at the Marvin Center ground floor this week. For more information, call the Board of Chaplains at 676-6434.

This year, make Thanksgiving mean something more. Fast for change.

-Rev. Laureen E. Smith
Board of Chaplains



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OPINION

Basketball lights way for rest of university

Once upon a time, GW was a school whose athletic programs just couldn't seem to match its academic accomplishments. Then a magic wand got waved and the world turned upside down. Suddenly, with some help from a very nice man named Jarvis, the GW men's basketball team was beating its way onto the sports pages and the television news from coast to coast.

Soon thereafter, GW admitted the most stunning class of freshmen, qualitatively and quantitatively, ever to make their way onto this campus: the Class of 1997. And needless to say, everybody said, "Post hoc, propter hoc," which is Latin for "if it happened afterwards, then it happened on account of." In other words, basketball made GW famous, so more and better students decided to come to GW.

But *post hoc, propter hoc* has usually been used, by the ancient Romans and more recent Latinists, as an example of fallacious reasoning. Who am I to disagree with 2,000 years of precedents? As president of this university, what I want to say right now is that GW's basketball triumphs are NOT responsible for

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg

all the good things that have been happening here ever since those triumphs took place.

What Mike Jarvis and the Colonials have accomplished, I'd like to argue instead, is closer to the function played by the Statue of Liberty than the one played by the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution, as we all know, actually set the ground rules for what happened after it got approved. Meanwhile, the purpose of the Statue of Liberty is to cast light — toward whatever happens to be going on, or going past, when the light arrives.

What GW basketball did in the last academic year was to cast a brilliant light on everything that was happening at this particular university. The world looked — most especially, the world's media representatives looked — and the world liked what it saw. That included all the high school seniors who were impressed by the basketball team when it appeared on their home screens. They went on to study our admissions literature and to visit our campus, and then decided that the University and its team are cut from the same cloth.

Let's not take what happened last year for granted. If the light thrown on GW by Mike Jarvis and the Colonials had revealed a barren landscape, relieved by a single athletic bright spot, then all those high school seniors would have applauded... and enrolled in other universities. What they picked up instead was that all of us at GW, from our faculty members to our maintenance staff and from our administrators to our librarians and security personnel, are all the time shooting for metaphorical baskets.

At GW, what we all have in common is that we enjoy the sensation of doing things right. And though we don't live for applause in any sense, we appreciate it when it comes along. It says to us, in effect, "You aren't just imagining it." It's an incidental confirmation of the fact that at this University, we — meaning all of us — are actually keeping up with our men's basketball (and the women's, too) team.

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg is president of the George Washington University.

Turkey whitewashes its policy to hide dark practices

What would you call a country that has increased its systemic and widespread human rights violations, according to Amnesty International and Helsinki Watch? Is in occupation of a sovereign state? Is in violation of more United Nations' resolutions than Iraq or Serbia? Refuses to disclose the whereabouts of five American citizens captured and detained by security forces? Is the world's largest arms importer?

Andrew Koch

I would call it an outlaw nation. It is also known as Turkey.

Yet, GW provided a venue for Nuzhet Kandemir, the Turkish Ambassador, to whitewash the

widely condemned policies of the Turkish government in a lecture entitled "The New World Order: Turkish Perspectives." Even more ironic is the fact that international law professor Yonah Alexander hosted this lecture.

Those in attendance heard Ambassador Kandemir downplay Turkey's massive human rights abuses. Yet Amnesty International and Helsinki Watch have specifically cited ongoing Turkish abuses, including the torture of children termed as widespread, systematic and increasing.

Kandemir was equally unconvincing on the issue of Turkey's continued illegal occupation of the sovereign state of Cyprus. The U.N. has condemned that aggression and most recently, it clearly has blamed the Turkish side for the breakdown in the latest negotiations. Also, during the invasion of Cyprus, five American citizens (and more than 1,600 Cypriots) disappeared at the hands of Turkish forces. Turkey continues to rebuff American inquiries into their fate.

In the past, the United States overlooked atrocities and armed Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Noriega's Panama because of Cold War considerations. After years of conflict with such regimes, it is time that we be more selective in giving support, especially military aid.

Now in 1993, when the Soviet threat has disappeared and Iraq's military machine has been decimated by U.S. troops — with no help from Turkish forces — Turkey is left as the leading power in the region. Despite this fact, Turkey continues to arm heavily. In fact, Turkey is the world's leading customer for arms, according to new reports from the United Nations Registry of Conventional Arms and the British American Security Council.

Even more alarming is that with the end of the Cold War, Turkey is claiming that it can serve as a model and as an American agent in Central Asia. If gross human rights abuses against minorities, massive arms build-up and international aggres-

sion were to become a model, nose-thumbing at the United Nations would be the rule, not the exception, in the nascent states of the former Soviet Union in Central Asia.

Rather than helping to whitewash Turkey's record, it is now an auspicious time to send the message that we do want Turkey as an ally, as a shining example, but only when it ceases to threaten its neighbors and abuse its own citizens.

Because of the failure of Turkey's allies to communicate these problems and to encourage the Turkish government down a more acceptable path, Ambassador Kandemir apparently believes that the European Community is excluding Turkey just because it is a Muslim nation. In the end, it is Turkey's policies that have caused it to lose its chance at EC membership, and the Turks have only themselves to blame.

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New world order needs U.S. power to resolve international conflicts

This generation has witnessed the ending of an era that has divided the world into two major antagonistic political ideologies for five decades. As a result of the culmination of this era, we stand at a new crossroads to an uncertain future. The world we knew yesterday has become formless. In this changing world, America finds itself the sole leader. But with this responsibility one thing has become clear. The conception of national interest is no longer the same as it was nearly five years ago.

Old idealism is unfit in the new world order. It was full of generous feelings, bringing blind foreign policy without conscious thought. So, today, to see America in a pool of problems, derived from unclear foreign policy should not be a surprising phenomenon. Of course, I am talking about the crisis in Somalia. Since I was born in the Horn of Africa, I would like to share my opinion on current politics and the international trend toward Somalia.

In late December of 1992, American soldiers were en route to save the starving children of Somalia and to stop the gangs of thugs from stealing the food from the bowls. Indeed,

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generosity and helping the poor is the American way. Although Americans want their country to be seen as powerful yet gentle, respected yet charitable, they don't want to pay the high price for that reputation.

I am not suggesting, however, that American soldiers should go to places like Somalia, Haiti or Bosnia to be killed. But I write this article to say that the circumstances in which we live today do not allow the United States to turn its back on the world. To do otherwise would have a costly consequence in terms of global peace and tranquility.

If Americans insist on withdrawing from Somalia, the tragedy will begin again. In my opinion, seeking a safe exit strategy is smart, but it must be related to the mission goal. An arbitrary deadline, forced by domestic opinion, is not a worthy strategy. The saying goes that the way to resumption is to resume.

Following this, I argue that it could be historic for the United States to lead the world with example and passion into the 21st century. This time the United States could reshape the future of world politics, but it is difficult to predict whether the United States could hold on to its power for years to come. Although I would like to hope that the United States

will remain as the leader of the free world, I am afraid that the risks are high.

There is evidence to nurture this concern. At a time when economic growth and job creation are the most important issues facing the people of this country, it turns out that partisan politics are dragging the issues that are vital to America and its people. At the same time, countries like Japan and Germany have become important players in the new international political economic system. This occurs when there is overwhelming empirical evidence that the international political economy is changing at a very fast pace.

Yirgalem Tadesse

America must stay engaged in Somalia with other nations and help to disarm the warring factions. Unless America stays involved and shares in the burden around the world, the international community cannot bring a solution to Somalia or for that matter, in Bosnia or Haiti.

Let me back up and say that if the United States foreign policy is determined by where CNN directs its camera, the result will lead to a regrettable situation. I must say that my belief is that this country is never going to have the American people looking outward again, except when they think their interests are clearly affected.

Since mankind is a social animal, could the United States government afford to abandon its commitment to international peace and stability? Would the traditional isolationism be a viable alternative for the United States in this crucial moment of world history? Clearly, the answer for this is no.

Americans must know, from this time forward, that they must adapt to a new kind of thinking to face the unforeseeable challenges. In doing so, America will help itself and others. But letting momentary public discontent dictate the unfolding events around the world blinds the country to a clear and reasoned understanding of the realities of the world.

To simplify, it helps if the leaders of this country have a clear foreign policy. America does not need a simple generous feeling for others. What it needs is more brain and conscious thought.

Above all, we must recognize what is at stake: peace. President Kennedy said that peace is a process, a way of solving problems. If this premise holds true, we do not only remedy the ills of our world, but clear the way for a better future in the years to come.

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GW solar car cruises on in seventh place

by David Joyner

Hatchet Staff Writer

GW's solar car is reported in seventh
place after four days of racing in Australia's
outback, despite shipping damage,
high temperatures and insect infestation.

The Sunforce 1 is ahead of entries
from California Polytechnic University,
California State University, the University
of Michigan and the Nissan Motor
Corporation. Sunforce 1 spokeswoman
Melissa Thompson said. There are 52
cars competing in the World Solar Car
Challenge.

But GW's car has faced some serious
setbacks, organizers said. The solar car
was damaged because of "improper
handling" while the car was being
unloaded at Sidney Airport in Australia,
according to a statement issued Saturday.

Thompson, who is stateside contact
for the team, said the car sustained a
10-inch hole in its frame, and five out of
six strings in the car's solar arrays were
damaged. Thompson said the damage
hurts the team's goal of breaking the
world speed record on the Australian
course.

Thompson praised the team's progress,
though. "The team really pulled
together," to repair damages to the car in
time for the race, Thompson said.
Thompson credited much of the car's
success to its aerodynamics and design.

She added that she could not
comment on the damage's cost because
of insurance and legal reasons.

Thompson has been in contact with
Nicole Michels, a GW student now in

Australia with the solar car. Thompson
said Michels has reported that it is 106
degrees in Australia now and there are
"bugs everywhere." She said it feels
even hotter inside the car.

"If anyone wants to know how the
driver's doing, it's six hours in 116
degrees in a little box," Thompson said.

She also said the team drove through
many "locust storms." The insects
attached themselves to the car and have
even infested their food, Thompson
explained. She added that the team "has
not had ice in their drinks for two days."

But beyond the setbacks, the car is
still cruising along.

Thompson said the car still runs effi-
ciently, with its solar arrays putting out
950 watts of power. Before being
damaged it pulled 1300 watts.

Thompson added that Sunforce 1 was
only three kilometers behind the
General Motors Sunraycer's position in
1987 and has held that throughout the
race. One of the team's goals is to break
this record. She added that the GM
Sunraycer holds the record at 41.5 mph.
GW's average speed is about 45 mph,
she said.

The GW car, which is now more than
20 kilometers ahead of the Michigan
car, finished behind the Michigan car in
the 1,000-mile Sunrayce 93 last June.

GW's car ran a qualifying speed of
more than 90 kilometers per hour, which
placed it in a starting position of 12th.
Thompson said.

The team expects to finish the 1,800
mile race sometime Friday, according to
a statement released Wednesday.

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Dining services starts paper products plan

by Justin Bergman
Hatchet Reporter

GW administrators said they are making a firm commitment to replace dining services' Styrofoam products with paper ones by the beginning of next semester.

"The Tastes of America" food service and packaging program will introduce paper plates, cups, bowls and wrappings to all of GW's dining centers sometime in January, said Gary McPherson, director of market support for ServiceMaster Management Services Co.

The production of paper products is more environmentally sound than that of Styrofoam, which emits harmful chlorofluorocarbon gases into the atmosphere during its production, McPherson said. He said these paper products will also be recyclable.

Diana Santillan, Students for Environmental Action newsletter editor, said students "have been promised (a change) for four years now." She said the Marriott Corp., GW's former food service company, had to first deplete its Styrofoam stock before it could switch to paper products. New Styrofoam cups then appeared with the GW logo imprinted on them, she added.

David Bennett, GW Dining Services general manager, said the Styrofoam used in the dining areas is recyclable. He said there is a "perception problem of the people" who believe all Styrofoam is harmful to the environment, when in fact some types of Styrofoam can be recycled.

McPherson said, however, that the University does not recycle their Styrofoam products. He said GW would have to collect and package the Styrofoam and have it picked up by a recycling center if they wanted to implement this measure.

Santillan says the SEA will work with and support GW's transition from Styrofoam to paper products. "I just hope their commitment is for real this time," she said. She said there must also be increased support for the change by the GW administration.

Snack bar may take meal cards at games

Plans to allow students to use their meal cards at the Smith Center snack bar are underway, GW Dining Services General Manager David Bennett said.

Representatives from the Joint Dining Services Board, Dining Services and the Office of Campus Activities met Nov. 1 to discuss the idea of allowing students to use their meal cards to buy food and drinks at home basketball games.

"It was discussed at the JDSB meeting as an option. We'll see how it goes,"

Bennett said. "We're shooting and trying to have it done by the first game."

Dining board President Anthony Aoude said the plans are not definite.

"All we did is discuss the idea, we haven't finalized anything yet," he said.

"Right now we're working on it as far as getting the phone lines in place to use the registers there so you can run your meal card through," Bennett said. "Our goal is to try to make things as convenient as possible for the students."

-Souheila Al-Jadda

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King Buzzo, Dale Crover and Mark Deutrom, collectively, Melvins

Houdini works magic to stay true to grunge

by Heather O'Connor

As the Seattle sound gradually sells out to Top 40, it is good to hear there is still one band that has survived ideologically intact.

Melvins' *Houdini* (Atlantic Records) hasn't sacrificed any of the sound that made the band a force to be reckoned with during the punk rock revolution of the early '80s, even though the band now records with a major label.

Buzz Osbourne (guitar / vocal), Dale Crover (drums / vocal) and Mark Deutrom (bass) pound and scream their way through songs that defy classification. Both "Honey Bucket" and "Hooch" are hard and heavy thrash-metal songs. But Melvins shows its soft side on the languid and abrasive "Going Blind" and "Teet" — two of their songs reminiscent of Nirvana.

Understandably, several songs on the album have a Nirvana sound — Kurt Cobain produced *Houdini* and the two bands have had close ties for several years. But where Nirvana tends to cater to the young pop-moshers, Melvins holds nothing back.

On "Sky Pup," Deutrom takes over on bass with an intriguing melody that seems almost like — dare it be said — disco. With distorted groanings and squeakings as the only vocals, the focus is definitely on the instrumentals.

"Joan of Arc" returns to the grating guitars and head-banging drums. At times the song sounds like it's stuck in a track, but the screaming over-vocals keep it from becoming obnoxious.

"Copache," "Pearl Bomb" and "Spread Eagle Beagle" all seem to blend into one song with a very unique arrangement. "Copache" begins with an ear-piercing, high pitched guitar wail, continues with muffled vocals and repetitive backup and ends with a single unrelenting drum beat and bass melody. That signals the beginning of "Pearl Bomb," which itself ends in bizarre echoing percussion sounds.

"Spread Eagle Beagle" continues the solo drum beat for a few minutes, disintegrates into distorted feedback, reappears in brief, erratic bursts and then falls into silence.

King Buzz warns, "I know something you would never believe" on "Set Me Straight." Well, whatever Melvins' secret is, they should just keep it to themselves.



Therapy? Anyone?

Teeth gnash with Lips Together

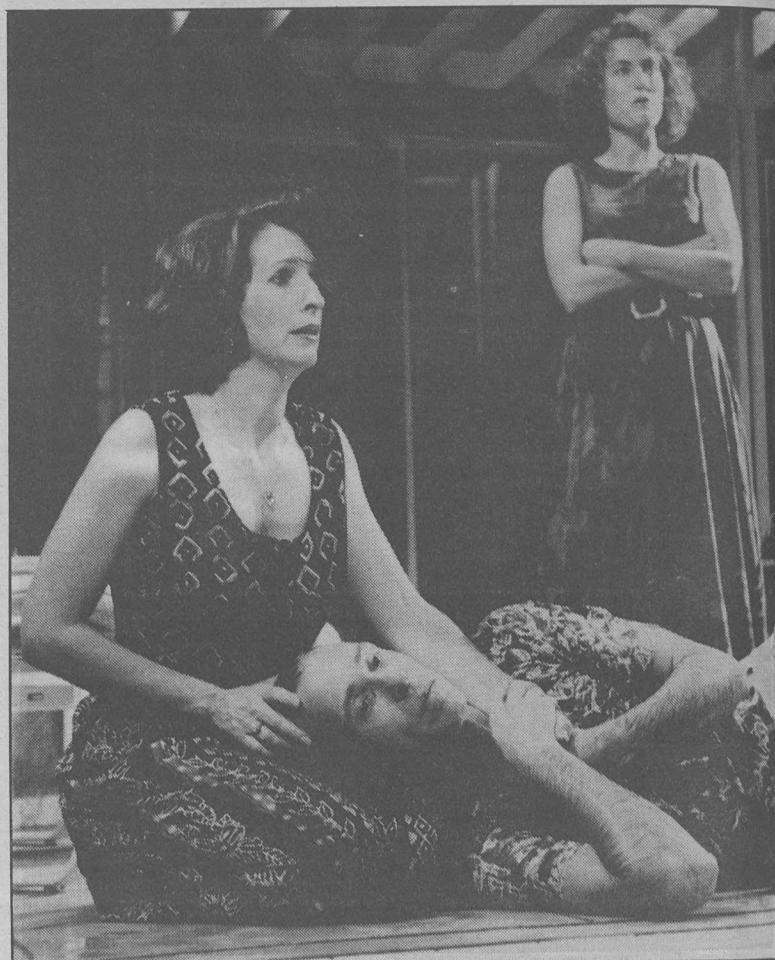
by Ileana Garcia

When you first hear the title "Lips Together, Teeth Apart" you have to wonder what it could possibly be alluding to. This initial intrigue diminishes quickly as the play commences. It becomes apparent that there is nothing new or refreshing about it. Filled with stale lines and trite speech, "Lips Together, Teeth Apart," playing at the Studio Theatre now through Dec. 5, is just an old story with a new name.

The play takes place at a beach house on July 4. Sally (Caitlin O'Connell) recently inherited the house from her AIDS-suffering brother. Sally's husband Sam (Lawrence Redmond), her sister-in-law Chloe (Brigid Cleary) and Chloe's husband John (John Emmert) are the other houseguests.

What was intended to be a relaxing weekend soon turns turbulent as the couples reveal their true feelings about each other. All types of tension, including sexual, fill the air. This tension is responsible for Sam's nocturnal teeth-grinding habit. "Lips together, teeth apart. Lips together, teeth apart," his wife reminds him.

Sam, who is somewhat like the character George on NBC's "Seinfeld" in both speech and appearance, is one of the more entertaining characters. He refuses to swim in the pool for at least an hour after lunch, just as his mother always told him. The other characters are also believable but their problems are rooted in the characters themselves. The brassy redhead, the idealistic artist and the New Jersey suburbanite do not



Sally watches Chloe try to get John excited about fireworks.

offer the audience anything original.

Death is one underlying theme in the play. None of the characters ever choose to swim in the pool because they fear this could bring them in contact with the AIDS virus.

John already suffers from cancer. All are facing their feelings about mortality. While the death theme lends substance to the play, it is not enough to make up for the weak plot.

Loose ends are abundant throughout "Lips Together, Teeth Apart." It is intimated that John may be gay, as he sneaks a peek at Sam in the shower. But there is no follow-up on that idea.

There is also an unresolved episode

involving an unknown man who has drowned himself. Instead of serving as "food for thought," these occurrences leave the audience confused and dissatisfied.

"Lips Together, Teeth Apart" could be called a "fisherman's play," in the sense that it casts bait for the audience in the form of conflicts and overtones that are hinted at, but never carried out. The audience is not biting.

"Lips Together, Teeth Apart" is playing now through Dec. 5 at the Studio Theatre, 1333 P St. N.W.

Terrific tour takes town tonight

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Tad, the man and the band, hails from the popular Pacific Northwest — a continent, an ocean and a country away from Therapy?, who rose to major-label glory from Belfast. Together the bands bring an evening of two popular genres — Sub Pop-ian distortion and hardcore-dian crunch.

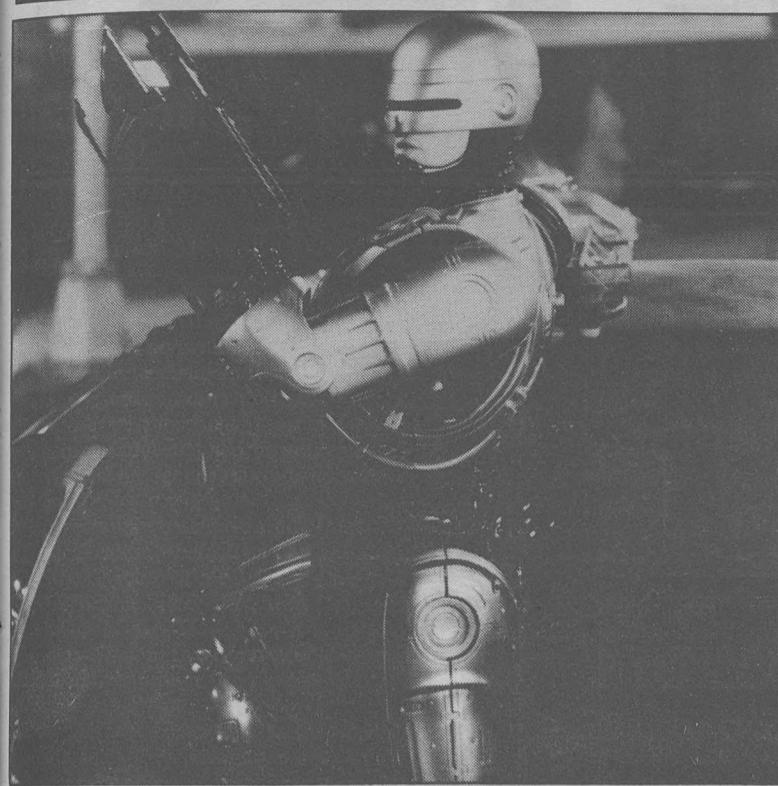
And if you see Tad, the man, ask him how much he got paid for his cameo in *Singles*. You remember — he was the dude who was ready to jump Bridget Fonda after she accidentally sent a seductive phone call his way.

-Sarah Western



Tad (far left) and his tadpoles

ARTS & FEATURES



The cop ...

Robocop saves city, gets box office blues

by Steve Seibert

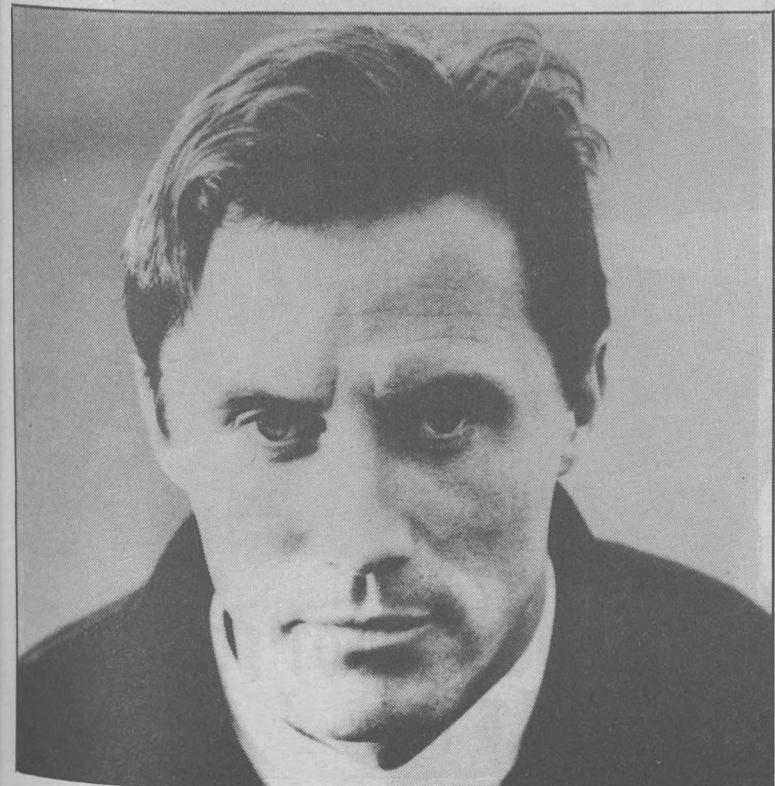
He's on our side now." These are the most famous words from *RoboCop 3*, which opened in theaters Friday. While this may have been touted as the best of the *RoboCop* series, it falls impressively short. The movie can best be described as a complete and utter flop.

RoboCop still patrols the streets of old Detroit. The city has now become safe enough to let OCP, the company that owns RoboCop, start its project of "Urban Redevelopment," otherwise known as Delta City. Delta City will be the city of the future, with everyone as happy as possible, no crime whatsoever and no evil.

In order to create Delta City, thousands of people had to be displaced from the neighborhood known as Cadillac Heights. OCP, using all of its commercial compassion, deploys "Urban Rehabilitation Officers," fresh from the Amazonian War, to retrain the residents of the area. Paul McDaggett (John Castle), a battle-loving commander who has seen his share of carnage and loved every minute of it, is the fearless leader of these rehabilitation troops.

The rest of the story follows along similar lines with RoboCop playing the humanitarian and fighting off McDaggett, who tries to take over the city.

The basic plot of this story, as well as the acting and special effects are weak. The one thing the movie does have to offer is violence, just enough to earn it a PG-13 rating, but not enough to warrant an R. Hopefully, this is the end of the *RoboCop* saga.



... and the man (Robert John Burke)

Music forum attracts the good, bad and ugly

by Sarah Western

The music business is a funny thing — and anyone at the 1993 CMJ Music Marathon could verify that. For example, how on earth did Chris Connelly (Revoltin' Cocks, Ministry) wake up for a 10 a.m. keynote address last Friday? And what, pray tell, did he and David Vincent of Morbid Angel have to say?

These questions were never answered since most people slept through the morning, exhausted from club-hopping the night before. But a few other curiosities were solved — in some cases delightfully, and in others . . .

Like what kind of new music can the general public be looking for? Every label, indie and major, was there to tell and in several cases, quite unimpressively.

For example, Cher U.K. (a band from merry ol' Kansas) recently signed to Columbia and showcased their (lack of) talent at Danceteria on Thursday. The 14-year-old boy-looking-girl bass player was a freak punk nightmare, and her singer was a falsetto-voiced puppy

dog.

At the other extreme, For Love Not Lisa and Shootyz Groove played with The Mighty Mighty Bosstones at The Academy on Friday and put on brilliantly energized sets. For Love Not Lisa set off the first mosh pit of the evening, then Shootyz Groove came on stage to tone it down. (An inevitable reaction to the 50 kids who jumped on stage during the first song.) And the way the balcony crowd rose to its feet with each outstanding stage dive, you might have thought The Mighty Mighty Bosstones was a plaid-wearin' football team from Massachusetts.

And what kind of clubs are we missing in Washington, D.C.? Only the island-cave Wetlands saloon, the pre-Madonna, psychedelic Danceteria, the grand majesty of Limelight and the dingy, dark atmospheric CBGB.

Meanwhile, back at the Waldorf-Astoria, a longhaired guy in sunglasses was standing under a chandelier in the middle of the lobby. He handed out flyers while subtly eyeing a grungy girl in fishnets and boots, absent-mindedly flicking ashes on the crested carpet . . .

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-Sarah Western

Come on, hear two different 'Styles'

by Jennifer Batog

The Lemonheads' latest release, *Come on Feel the Lemonheads* (Atlantic), is bittersweet.

The first few songs on the band's sixth album have a mellow, candy-sweet, pop sound to them, much like the past hit single "It's a Shame About Ray." Even frontman Evan Dando occasionally sounds like Matthew Sweet.

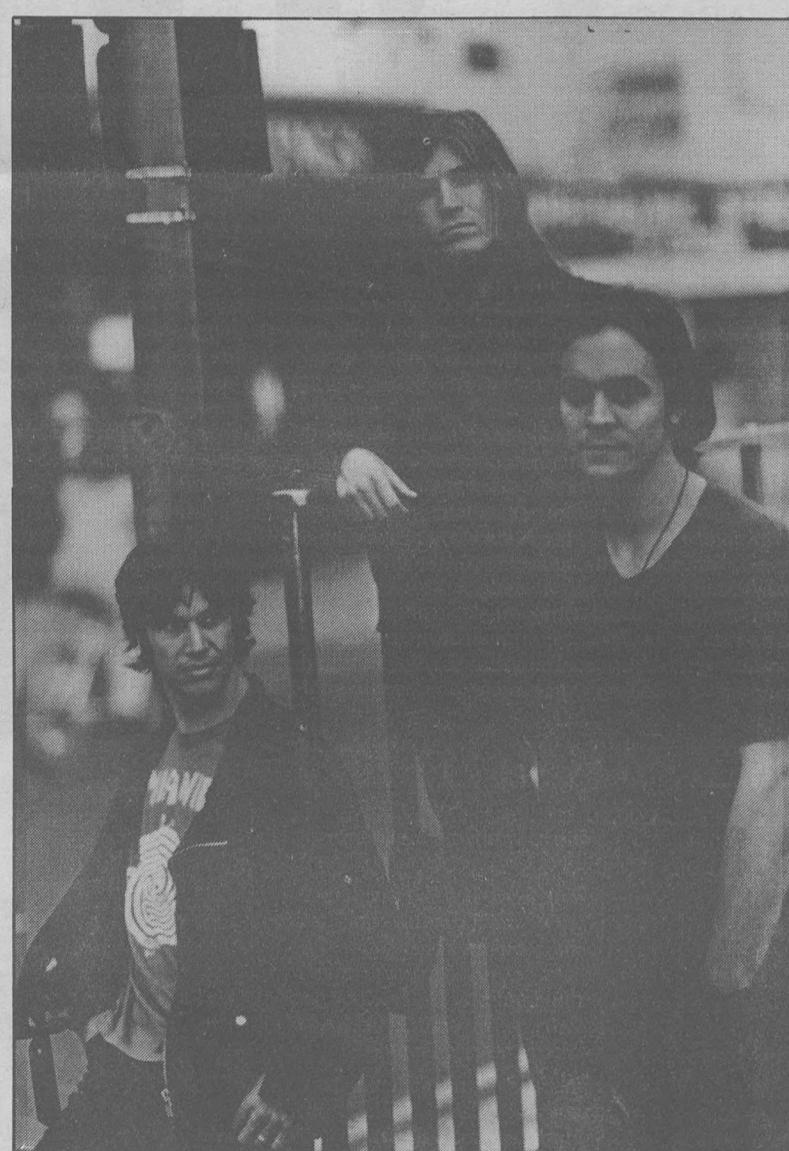
This mimicking is especially apparent in the second song, "Into Your Arms." It is a sugary song about love, the theme running through the first part of the album. "I know a place where I can go when I'm alone . . . into your arms," Dando croons.

The first part of *Come On* is a *deja vu* of sorts because most of the songs sound like either "Ray" or the Lemonheads' cover of Simon and Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson."

But the effort does have some redeeming qualities. Namely, Juliana Hatfield's voice on most of the beginning tunes and the second side, which takes on a more grunge Generation X bitterness.

The second half of the album boasts several standout tunes. One is a tribute to ex-Go Go's singer Belinda Carlisle. Carlisle adds her wild voice to this tune and shines on it. This tune has a heavy sound to it, with a lot of emphasis on guitar and a cool solo that sounds like a distorted version of "House of the Rising Sun." It's also a rebellious song, with Dando and Carlisle joining to sing, "I'll do it anyway / no matter what they feel."

Undoubtedly the best song on the album is a track that appears twice, first



The bittersweet Dalton (left), Dando (center) and Ryan

as "Style" and then as "Rick James Style," with the legendary "Superfreak" himself supplying some vocals.

The song and the music are full of contradictions. "Don't wanna get stoned . . . but I don't wanna not get stoned."

The music alternates between a soft Doors sound and a twanging Red Hot Chili Peppers guitar riff. Although you might get confused hearing the same

song twice, you can easily distinguish them. Rick James makes his version the best.

Although *Come on Feel the Lemonheads* does at times get a little boring and repetitive, it isn't a bad album. Dando, drummer David Ryan and bassist Nic Dalton, have potential. And guest vocals by James, Carlisle and Hatfield are nice surprises.

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- 900 block of New Hampshire Avenue, Nov. 5. A GW Hospital employee reported that her parked car was vandalized.
- Academic Center, Nov. 8. A GW employee reported the theft of her \$150 radio.
- Francis Scott Key Hall, Nov. 5. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$700 IBM computer.
- Gelman Library, Nov. 4. A GW employee reported the theft of a 6-foot ladder valued at \$199.95.
- Gelman Library, Nov. 4. A student reported the theft of her wallet, containing credit cards and ID.
- Marvin Center, Nov. 9. A GW employee reported the theft of \$2,500 worth of computer equipment from the second floor. There were no signs of forced entry.
- Marvin Center, Nov. 9. A student reported the theft of food items and soda from a fourth floor office.
- Mitchell Hall, about 2 p.m. Nov. 9. A GW employee reported the theft of \$1,000 worth of tools from his electric cart.
- Smith Center, Nov. 9. A student reported the theft of a pair of \$100 tennis shoes.

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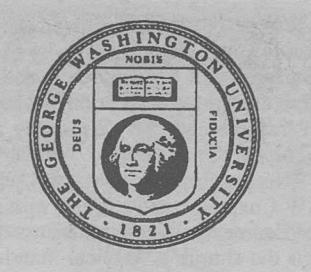
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R-5-D residential zone," according to a letter Wimberly received from Zoning Administrator Joseph Bottner Jr.

Although Wimberly admitted it is difficult to acquire such a zoning variance, he remained optimistic. "I'm convinced we will run the feeding program," he said.

Kelly noted, however, that previous court decisions have tended to favor zoning administrators in their final decision.

Wimberly said he believed the ANC was overstepping its bounds by trying to interfere with the church's activities. "Can a neighborhood control what goes on inside a church?" Wimberly asked. "(The ANC) says yes. We say no."

Laureen Smith, chair of the Board of GW Chaplains and campus minister of the Ecumenical Christian Ministry, said it is the church's "biblical mandate" to feed the hungry and the poor. "The church is very committed to this mission," Smith said.

Wimberly said if the program does cause problems, he is willing to shut it down. He is further convinced that there is not a strong number of people opposed to the kitchen.

Yet Kelly concedes the opposition has not lessened at all since the issue was first brought up two years ago. "A lot of it is personal," Kelly said. Both sides of the controversy claim they have offered compromises which the other is not willing to accept.

Doctor

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there the Israeli-born doctor with an estimated IQ of more than 250 established close ties with the Vatican.

Ben-Abraham, who is Jewish, said he was practically "adopted" by Cardinal Sergio Pignedoli, the president of the Conference of Non-Christians in the Vatican. Ben-Abraham said Pignedoli was the deputy to Pope Paul VI in the 1970s and the pope's expected successor.

As a confidant of Pignedoli, Ben-Abraham said the cardinal shared his interest in human cloning. Ben-Abraham said Pignedoli's response was quite different from the official policy.

Ben-Abraham said Pignedoli told him that the first example of cloning goes back to the story of creation. Ben-Abraham said Pignedoli told him that Adam was a clone of God, created in His image. Eve was also a clone made from Adam's rib, he said.

Ben-Abraham said other top Church officials share Pignedoli's view of cloning. He said Cardinal Sebastiano Baggio, the chairman of the Sacred Congregation of Bishops and a leading contender for the papacy in 1978, not only supported Ben-Abraham's work, but helped solicit funding to further his life extension research.

At one point, Baggio even asked a benefactor for money to buy Ben-Abraham's equipment, according to a letter from the Cardinal dated Oct. 27, 1978. The letter, however, did not mention cloning or the Shroud. Ben-Abraham said to do so would have been improper. "The letter would have been around the world," he said.

He also mentioned that at least four Church leaders support embryo cloning and the theoretical cloning of Christ.

Ben-Abraham admitted that the world is not yet ready for the applications of some of his life-extension plans, including cryogenics and cloning. He spoke Tuesday night in Funger Hall, briefly discussing his Vatican relationship.

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Theta Delta Chi fraternity member Harold Brown made a big splash at last week's Mr. Anchor Splash contest. Brown not only walked away with the title, but also with a fiancee.

The Delta Gamma sorority-sponsored event picked Mr. Anchor Splash by his response to a question. When Brown's girlfriend, Delta Gamma member Janet Dill, asked what he would do to win the heart of his favorite Delta Gamma, Brown got down on one knee and proposed.

"I was floored," said the newly engaged Dill, who was also the event's chair. "I was shaking so badly, I couldn't even stand up. I felt like I was in a movie."

"I was really nervous," Brown, a senior, said. "Walking out there (to the platform) was the longest walk of my life."

Brown said he answered the question by telling Dill how lucky he felt. "I already know who my favorite DG is . . . I know that if we're still together and still happy, then the only thing to do would be to ask you to marry me," he said.

Brown said Dill "just stood there, crying, and she didn't answer."

After some coaxing, Dill responded with a wholehearted yes. "It was the most amazing thing I've ever been a part of," Brown said.

Brown said he had planned on popping the question around Christmas. But when his fraternity brothers volunteered him for the contest, he decided to surprise her then. Dill, a junior, said she had no idea what her boyfriend was planning.

"I just was in complete shock," she said. "This whole weekend, I was on this natural high . . . I couldn't sleep."

Brown said they plan to marry sometime this summer.

-Jennifer Batog

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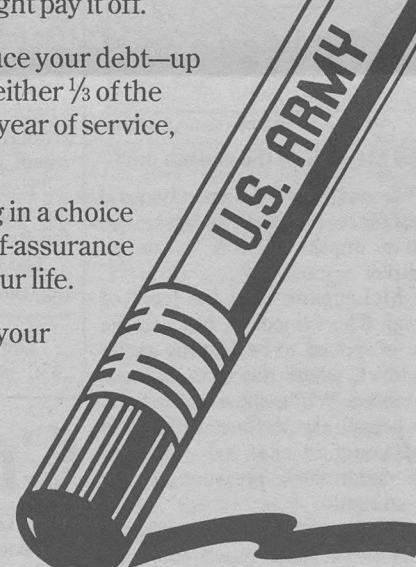
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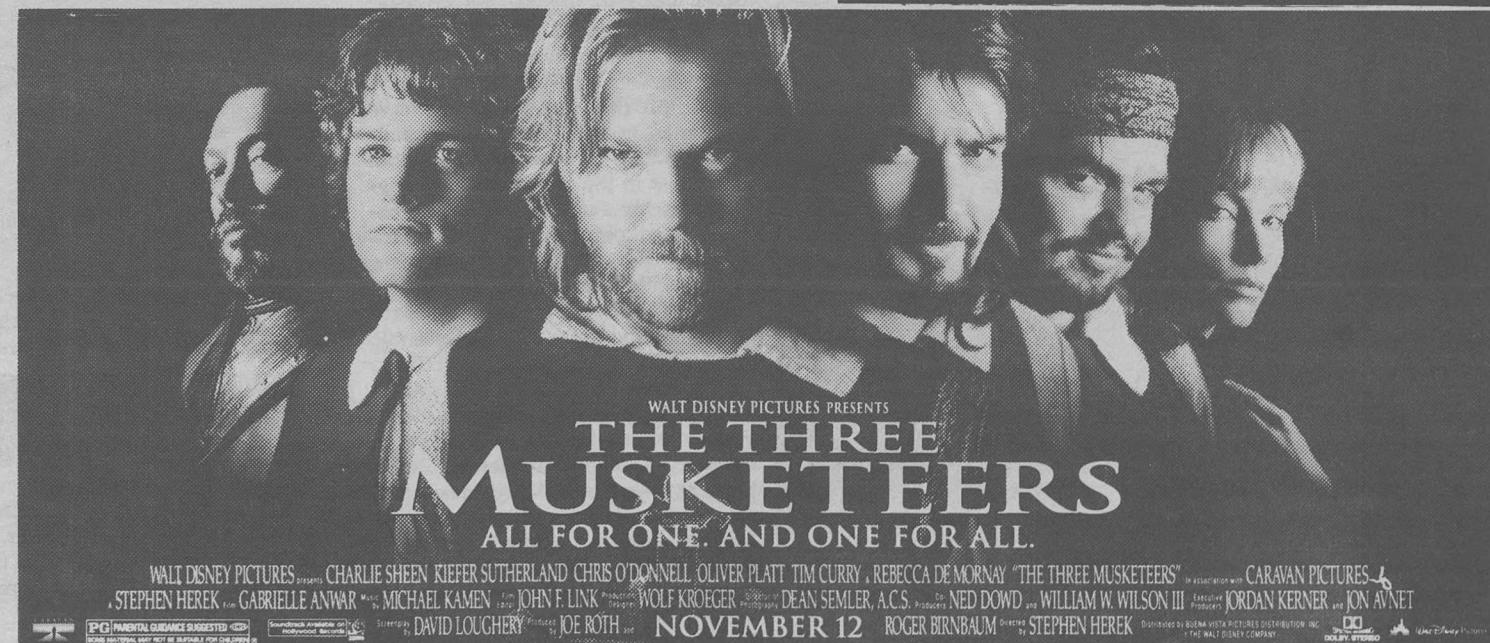


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GW looks to season success

by Jared Sher
Hatchet Sports Writer

The 1994 Colonial Women's gymnastics team will balance youthful exuberance and fine-tuned experience as they continue to build on nine consecutive improving seasons.

Last year, GW made its third straight appearance in the NCAA Southeast Regional Championships after finishing second in the Atlantic 10 Conference, 23-3 overall. That team finished seventh in the regional competition, and two gymnasts missed going to the National Championships by one-tenth of a point.



Gymnastics

Following that success, the Colonial Women hope to fulfill their goal of improving a little each year. "We try to take small steps so we can establish a sturdy, respectable program. We've done that every single year," head coach Margie Cunningham said.

GW ended up 23rd in the country last year, so this season's plans include improving on that ranking, she said.

Cunningham acknowledges that with her team's relative inexperience, it will be difficult to qualify for their long-term goal of the National Championships this season. "We're going to be out there, doing the best we can. If that door opens up, we'll be prepared to step through," she said.

In addition to the team goals, seniors Nikki Bronner and Andria Longeretta both have a legitimate shot to qualify for the National Championships as individuals. "My talent is the best it's ever been. I feel strongest this year, and I want to take it to my full potential," Bronner said.



photo by Stefani Rogers

With determination, senior Nikki Bronner shows her skill on the uneven bars.

The two role models also share every GW individual record, further evidence of the program's vast recent growth.

If this tight knit group is to take the next step toward building its program, it will depend not only upon its experienced leaders, but also on its talented crop of freshmen. The five rookies,

whom Cunningham said are powerful competitors, will have to make an immediate impact if GW is to be competitive.

Rose McLaughlin is at the front of this group. The Princeton, N.J., native said she is excited to be playing at the college level, where the sport is more team oriented. While she admitted she feels the pressure to perform well for the team, McLaughlin cites her ability to perform under such pressure as her biggest strength.

"This freshman class is very good. It's unbelievable how much they can contribute," Bronner said.

They will have to step in quickly if this team is to succeed early on. This is made easier by the familial mentality of the Colonial Women, Bonner said. "Some teams are divided, but gymnastics is a very mental sport. We have to know each other inside and out," she explained.

One of the trademarks of GW gymnastics has been its consistent ability to match its success on the floor with its success in the classroom. Cunningham feels this is an essential characteristic of a winning program. "It makes things easier if you're succeeding academically. You're more confident overall," she explained. Both Longeretta and Bronner were Academic All-Americans last season.

This confidence has led to a positive attitude, based on the belief that the individuals on the team are always in control. "Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you react to that. Based on this, we can take any situation and change it to make things better," Cunningham said.

In turn, this attitude has the Colonial Women poised for improvement again in '94.



photo by Stefani Rogers

Lori Franklin displays poise and confidence on the balance beam.

Men swing at ITA with top East players

Tennis takes court against Ivy Leaguers

by Abby Jones
Hatchet Sports Reporter

The men's tennis team competed at Princeton University this past weekend in the ITA Rolex Northeast Regional Tennis Championship. It was a tough end to the fall season for the team as many of their players suffered early tournament losses.

The tournament was made up of the top teams in the East and provided tough competition for the Colonials. The team showcased not only its singles players but two doubles teams, including a team of No. 1 seeded Yann Azoux and No. 2 Yuval Karutzy. Azoux was also seeded No. 2 in singles for the entire tournament.

Men's Tennis

In singles, Azoux lasted into the round of 16 where he played tough but injured his knee and was defeated (6-4, 5-7, 6-3) by Bog Boonswang from Princeton. On his way to this match, though, Azoux beat Kevin Jockbear from Boston University in the first round (5-1, 6-4). In the second round, he met Doug Knuth from University of Connecticut and downed him (6-3, 6-3).

The No. 3 player on the team, Roni Biron, made it into the second round where he was then defeated by David Critchley from West Virginia University. In the first round, he played Ajay Mathur from Harvard University, winning in straight games as well as sets (6-0, 6-0).

The weekend was more difficult for other players on the team. No. 2 Karutzy, and the fourth and fifth players, Mike Dowd and David Skid, all lost in the qualifiers.

On the doubles side, Azoux and Karutzy were seeded fifth. The team competed into the third round where they played tough. The match went to three sets with each going into tie breakers. In the first round, the team had a bye. In the second round, they faced the doubles team from Cornell University. The first set posed some challenges to the pair, but after an easy second set the Colonials won (6-4, 6-1).

GW's other doubles team, Dowd and Skid, won its first round match against a doubles team from Towson State University. They played in the first set of the second round forcing it to go to a tie breaker. The Colonials fell in the second round (7-6, 6-2).

"Even though this past weekend was tough, I don't think it will overshadow our team's accomplishment of being ranked No. 4 in the East and being one of the front runners to go to the NCAA tournament in the spring," Skid said.

The Rolex tournament was an individual tournament and will have no bearing on the team's overall standing, Skid said.

The Colonials will take the next several months off from competition and will resume playing in February.

Crew chases last win

The GW men's and women's crew team competed in the Princeton Chase Saturday on Lake Carnegie at Princeton, N.J.

Crew

In the men's heavyweight eight, Princeton University marginally placed first with a time of 13:34. Yale University came in second at 13:34:08, while Rutgers University finished third with 13:48. GW's A boat came in fourth at a close 13:54.

This race was a confidence booster for the Colonials because Princeton and Yale were the favored national champions. GW's B boat came in 14th at 15:74 and the C boat came in 19th.

For the women, GW's varsity eight finished a close fourth at 15:59, behind third place Georgetown University,

which came in at 15:56. Yale was first with 15:51 and Dartmouth University was second with 15:53.

The Women's B boat was neck-and-neck with Dartmouth coming in at 16:29 and 16:29:01, respectively.

Co-captain Linda Miller said this was the strongest chase they have competed in all season. "It was important to have a good win at the end of the season. It was a confidence booster," she said.

This invitational was the last race of the season until spring. The freshmen will, however, get their first taste of college competition Saturday at the Belly of the Carnegie in Princeton, N.J.

Head coach Paul Wilkins said of the team's outlook next season, "We look really strong, the best we've ever been. It's going to be a great year."

-Nina Mehta

SPORTS BRIEF

The men's basketball team signed Darin Green from Charlotte, N.C., to a national letter of intent Wednesday. Green is considered one of North Carolina's top recruits this year.

Wednesday was the first day of the NCAA's seven-day early signing period during which athletes can commit in writing to a college.

-Deanna Reiter

SPORTS

Strikers end season of high goals

by Ben Osborne
Hatchet Sports Reporter

The GW women's soccer team went through a grueling 1993 campaign filled with ups, downs and growing pains.

The Colonial Women team ended their season fairly happy with their play. They beat nationally renowned Rutgers University twice, including one win in the Atlantic 10 semifinals, but also lost to University of Rhode Island.



Women's Soccer

The Colonial Women ended up with a record of 9-11-1 (4-2-1 in A-10). Their losses were to the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State University during regular season play and also to the University of Massachusetts in the A-10 final. All three of these teams were nationally ranked, as were several other GW opponents.

"It was a tough, grueling schedule that we played, but I think it helped the girls in the long run," head coach Shannon Higgins said.

Throughout the season, GW never won or lost more than two games in a row. Such wildly inconsistent play can be largely attributed to the fact that the team was so young. Three freshmen started, as did two sophomores who didn't even play last year. There were

also only two senior starters, Crissie Snow and Cara Eichenlaub.

"The season was a success, I'd say. I think we played great the last two games of the year," Higgins said.

The coach recalled a conversation with the UMass coach James Rudy. "I remember after the loss to UMass in the championship, the (Minutewomen's) coach telling me he was really scared of what we're going to be like in the future. I relayed that to the girls, and I think that made everyone feel good," Higgins said.

Higgins called Kristin Davidson's performance the "most pleasant surprise this year." Davidson is a sophomore who played on the basketball team last year, making this her first season as a soccer player. She made it a successful one, leading the team with 18 points (7 goals, 4 assists).

"It was a good season. I think we used our youthfulness to our advantage, and gained great experience. I think the leadership we got from the veterans, particularly the seniors and the captains, was excellent," Davidson said.

She said the team is preparing for next year. "I already see everyone staying in great physical shape. I think we know we can improve, and everyone is going to work for that to happen," Davidson said.

Leading the freshmen pack were Jennifer Vogel and goalie Traci Jensen. Vogel finished second on the team in points with 17, while Jensen patrolled the nets nearly every minute of the season. Jensen started every game for the Colonial Women and amassed a .778 save percentage as well as four shutouts.

"I just thought we had a wonderful schedule. It's fun having to try to stop all those shots that teams like North Carolina take on you, and the whole team improved from games like that," Higgins said.

With all the positives focused on the youth, there is still obviously the sad thought of what the team will do without its seniors. Both Eichenlaub and Snow started all 21 games, each totaling 11 points. These contributions, as well as their leadership qualities, will not be easily replaced, Higgins said. Seniors Kerry Hudson and Sharon Jones will also graduate this year.

As the team and its staff reflect on their season and look toward the future, Jensen seems to take the right attitude. "We're looking forward to playing UNC again, winning the A-10 and advancing to the tournament, and having lots of fun."



photo by Ben Turover

Vicki Brown (#9) and Kristin Davidson (#10) strive to loosen the ball from the control of a Temple opponent.

Colonials miss post-season play

by Shaina Rheim
Hatchet Sports Reporter

A flurry of wins during the second half of the season increased the hopes of a rejuvenated men's soccer team.

But the season ended on a disappointing note when the team could not qualify for the Atlantic 10 tournament. The losses suffered early on in the season denied the team qualification.



Men's Soccer

After their first nine games, the Colonials had a record of 1-7-1. But with their 2-1 win over Marshall University, GW had a complete turnaround. They won seven of their last nine games to improve their record to 8-9-1 on the season.



photo by Ashraf Fahim

Derk Droze (#11), Moises Reyes (#20), Matt Nesbitt (#21) and Stefan Triantafillou (#6) cheer as Droze knocks one past the Rutgers goalkeeper.

"After a bad beginning, we pulled together and concluded the season on a positive note or as best we could," senior Seth Morrison said. He said the weak point of the team "was the inability to put (forth) the effort necessary to win. The positive point was the heart and determination to pull out of the unbelievable drought."

Head soccer coach George Lidster attributed the slow start to the team's inability to score goals as well as to keep the opponents' goals out. "We tightened up the defense, and we were obviously scoring more goals (after the win over Marshall). And then we were playing with a lot more confidence," Lidster said.

GW amassed 31 goals for the season, led by Derk Droze's nine and Marcelo

Valencia's eight. Goalkeeper Robert Christian finished with three shutouts, a 1.98 goals against average and a .672 save percentage, while alternate goalkeeper Ward McIntyre had one shutout, a 1.37 goals against average and a .758 save percentage.

The Colonials were tied with the University of Rhode Island for fourth place (3-3-1 record) in the A-10 but did not qualify because of the tie-breaker they lost against the Rams. However, three Colonials were honored by the A-10 for their contributions on the season. Droze and Valencia were selected to the A-10 All-Conference Team while teammate Moises Reyes made the All-Conference second team.

The Colonials lose four integral players when seniors Miguel Reyes, Christian, Droze and Morrison graduate.

Lidster and assistant coach John McNamara have already started recruiting for next year's team. Lidster said they would be looking for players with a good academic record, character, tactical awareness, technique and athletic ability. Lidster will also hold try-outs for next season.

The team is enjoying a break now, but the players will soon hit the weight room and participate in some non-soccer activities to stay fit in the off-season. Over winter break the team will travel to Chile to play four games against four top clubs there.

The team is hopeful for next season's play. "We need to improve our defense and goalkeeping for next year in order for us to succeed, and the midfield and forwards have to step it up a notch and finish up the opportunities that we missed in the beginning of the season," Valencia said.

"We need to learn from this season's experience and build from it for the next couple of years. The seniors can take it out into the real world," Droze said.

Rugby dominates, takes three-way tie

Club considers moving to Division I



photo by Gail Evans

GW rugby players (l.to r.) Mackie Barch, Perry Essig, Lief Larson and Jay Hudnall converge on the ball as a ruck forms.

The GW rugby club finished its best season ever with a 4-1 record and a three-way tie for first place.

The team's regular season was highlighted by victories over Johns Hopkins University and Mount St. Mary's College. The only loss went to Frostburg State University, but that was good enough to catapult them into the Division II tournament Oct. 23 in Frederick, Md. They ended the season tying Frostburg and Mount St. Mary's in the Potomac Rugby Union.

GW was seeded third in the tournament on a points-scored rating and thus was not eligible to compete for the title. Nonetheless, the team beat the Naval Academy and Mount St. Mary's to show it was anything but a third-place team.

Faced with a revenge-minded Mount St. Mary's in the first tournament match, GW wasted no time in scoring a penalty try by junior Tom Sabeline early in the first half. The GW forwards then kept the pressure on while the backs mounted a relentless attack and scored twice more to win 17-5.

The second match against Navy began with the teams battling up and down the field for most of the half before Navy scored with 10 minutes left. The physical toll of the brutal scrummage began to show on the Midshipmen in the second half, and GW back Josh Williams scored with just eight minutes left. The extra point earned a win for GW. Senior Randall Purintun said the point gave him "a gift I will remember long after I graduate."

Club president Jon Moore said the addition of Englishman Ian Birchall as coach and the strong combination of players from Argentina, Ireland, Saudi Arabia, Portugal, Canada and the United States are factors in the team's possible jump to Division I next year.

"The record we had against the caliber of teams we faced shows GW rugby is on the move," Moore said.

-Stefanii Rogers

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